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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97(b), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

The listed references are relevant because each of them, or a counterpart, is listed in the International Search Report for this case. A copy of that International Search Report is also enclosed.

Copies of the references listed in the Search Report are believed to have been sent to the PTO by WIPO, and therefore not included herewith.

Applicants do include a copy of U.S. Patent 5,131,132, which is believed to correspond to EP 033508, which is listed in the Search Report.

It is believed no fee is due but, if it is, please charge the cost therefor against the account of the undersigned, Account No. 14-1263.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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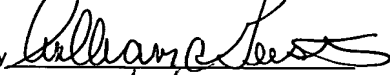
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